

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

Singing in Prison

Acts 16:11-40

Paul Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: Believe in Jesus and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Past verses: Go to all the world and teach the gospel. Mark 16:15

Help one another. Gal. 5:13

Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus. Romans 8:35

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Believing in Jesus gives us joy.

Prop ideas: Toy handcuffs or chains, rope

SAMPLE STORY

Paul was on another missionary journey to tell people about Jesus. This time he traveled with his friend Silas. When they came to a town called Philippi, they found a woman named Lydia by the river. She was a successful businesswoman who sold purple cloth. She listened as Paul and Silas taught about Jesus. God opened her heart and she and her whole household believed in Jesus and were baptized. She was so happy that she invited Paul and Silas to stay in her home in Philippi.

Paul and Silas continued teaching and telling everyone about Jesus. There was a slave girl who was possessed by an evil spirit. Because of this she was able to tell fortunes and make a lot of money for her owners. With the power of Jesus, Paul commanded the spirit to leave her. That was wonderful for the girl, she was free of the evil spirit. But her owners were angry because she could no longer make money for them. They had the authorities throw Paul and Silas in jail.

Paul and Silas were chained and put in prison. The jailer was told to keep close watch on them and not let them escape. That night around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God. They were in prison, but they still praised God! All of a sudden there was a violent earthquake. The prison was shaken so that all the doors came open and everyone's chains fell off. When the jailer woke up he

BLOCKS

Make a Prison

TEACHER EXTRA: Laminate the Prison Sheets before class to make sturdier pieces. You will not be able to fold to stand...but the pieces can be taped to blocks.

Materials: Prison Coloring Sheets
Colors/markers (In room)
Scissors (In room)
Blocks (In room)
Tape (In room)

Do: Either color the prison and people pages yourself or let children help you.
Cut out the pieces. Fold where indicated. Fold tabs and tape to blocks or to a table to make pieces stand.
Make the prison and act out the Bible story using Paul, Silas and the jailer.

Talk About: Paul and Silas were singing and praying around midnight when an earthquake occurred. The jailer thought the men had escaped. Paul called to the jailer and then told the man how to be saved...Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

SNACK

Fruit Roll-up Chains

Materials: Fruit by the Foot or Fruit Rollups
Paper towels (In room)

Do: Give each child a Fruit rollup snack. Show how to tear off pieces to make loops for a chain. (Use scissors if having difficulty tearing).
Let them enjoy playing with their chain before eating it.

Talk About: Paul and Silas were in chains while they were in prison. They were singing hymns and praying to God. It sounds like they were happy.
How would you feel if you were in prison and in chains?